

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

Room 2D781, The Pentagon, 11~~th~~<sup>th</sup>

Present: Mr. J. J. Dagnall, Chairman  
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army  
Lt. Col. H. C. Hennrich, Department of Air  
Mr. B. M. Fry, ASD  
Lt. Col. R. A. Dowd, Department of Navy

Consultant from FBI:

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1. Mr. Georgevitch presented the sub-committee's draft of the final report for the Committee.

2. After some discussion it was agreed to delete the word "normally" from paragraph 2. of the draft directive and to insert the word "pamphlets" in paragraph 3a. of the same after the word "periodicals".

3. The Committee then took a vote and unanimously approved the draft report with the amendments mentioned above.

4. The Chairman then informed the Committee that this final report as approved containing the findings and recommendations of the Committee would be forwarded to the Chief, ICASB, CIA for presentation to the Standing Committee of the IAC.

5. The meeting adjourned at 19~~th~~<sup>th</sup>, 25 July 1949.

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**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

**Room 2C720, The Pentagon, 14pp**

**Present:** Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Lt. Col. H. G. Benawitz, Department of Air  
Lt. Col. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy  
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army  
Mr. S. M. Fry, AEC

**Consultants from FDB:**



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1. A draft of the summarized findings of the Committee, was read, discussed, amended and approved.

2. After a consideration of the overall requirements of the IAC for a common service exploitation of foreign documents, the Chairman reported the capabilities of FDB to meet these requirements under present authorized personnel allotments as follows:

**a. USSR**

- 1) Exploit available provincial newspapers.
- 2) Exploit Moscow newspapers for industrial, economic, sociological and technological information.
- 3) Abstract all available scientific periodicals for intelligence information.
- 4) Exploit all available non-scientific periodicals for intelligence information.
- 5) Abstract all available current Soviet books of intelligence value.
- 6) Perform limited exploitation of highest priority Soviet books.

**b. Satellite Countries (Finland to Bulgaria)**

- 1) Exploit available newspapers to meet the expressed needs of the IAC.
- 2) Exploit available periodicals to a limited degree.
- 3) Perform occasional exploitation of highest priority books.

**c. Near East**

- 1) Exploitation of priority newspapers and periodicals for intelligence requirements.
- 2) Occasional highest priority exploitation of books.
- 3) No exploitation of any publications of India, Pakistan, Afghanistan or Africa except Egypt.

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d. Far East

- 1) Exploitation of priority newspapers and periodicals.
- 2) Exploitation of highest priority books.
- 3) No exploitation of any publications of Japan, Malaya or the Philippines.

e. Western Europe-Northern Europe-Latin America

- 1) No exploitation of any publications.

3. The Committee decided that the importance and necessity of a permanent advisory committee on exploitation of foreign documents is now apparent and that its final report will include a recommendation for the establishment of such a body.

4. On vote, a sub-committee was appointed by the Chair to compose the first draft of the Committee Report, which will be considered at the next meeting. The sub-committee: Mr. T. Nordbeck and Mr. T. A. Georgevitch.

5. The next meeting will be held at 1400, 25 July 1949 in Room 20720, The Pentagon.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1535.

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
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Present: Mr. J. J. Sagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Lt. Col. E. C. Bannwitz, Department of Air  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy  
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army

Consultants from FDS:



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Observer from OGD:



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1. The sub-committee on coordination of foreign documents translations made its report and in the subsequent discussion it was determined that the following agencies, other than those in the intelligence divisions, should participate in the coordination program: a. Department of Navy: Naval Research Laboratory; b. Department of Air: Air Materiel Command, Air University, Strategic Air Command, Military Air Transport Service, and Air Training Command; c. Department of State: Division of Language Services; and, d. Department of Army: Technical Services, Signal Corps Intelligence Branch, Engineers Intelligence, Army Map Service, and Transportation Corps. Committee members will determine whether the respective departmental sub-divisions will co-operate in such a coordination program. FDS will determine the cost of such a central service and the Committee will make its recommendations on the subject at the next meeting.

2. Latin America. All agencies reported that they were adequately covered by existing services of reporting on information from foreign documents and no additional requirements existed for exploitation of Latin American publications.

3. The question of determination of priorities by subject and country was discussed in connection with the most effective use of existing exploitation facilities. The Committee determined that this and other operating problems were of such a fluid nature under present conditions that the only effective method of meeting them was by establishment of a permanent JAC advisory committee on the exploitation of foreign documents.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1546.

5. The next meeting will be held on 11 July 1949 at Room 2C720 The Pentagon. The agenda:

1. Unfinished business.
2. Discussion of findings of the Committee.

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**MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

**14~~th~~**, 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, 20 June 1949

**Present:** Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy  
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army

**Consultants from FDB:**



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**Consultant from Army:** Mr. Paul Blackstock

**Western Europe**

1. There are approximately 2,000 newspapers, 2,400 non-scientific periodicals, 3,000 scientific in this area. It was decided that the needs of the services are as follows:

a. **State:** Needs some exploitation of Dutch and Finnish publications and especially the periodicals of the Scandinavian countries.

b. **Army:** Feels they are getting adequate coverage but would like to call on CIA for spasmodic special requirements when and as they arise.

c. **Navy** is satisfied with present press exploitation but would like any information of naval interest from periodicals.

2. Meeting adjourned at 1615.

3. Next meeting: 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, D. C., 14~~th~~, 27 June 1949. The agenda:

a. All unfinished business.

b. Latin America

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**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
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**1429, 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, 13 June 1949.**

**Present:** Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman  
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Lt. Col. E. C. Benawitz, Department of Air  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy

**Consultants from FDB:**



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**Consultant from Army:** Dr. Neilson Debevoise

**Observer from DGD:**



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1. The Committee unanimously agreed that Soviet Book Abstracts should be reported on DGM-report forms and requested FDB to commence this reporting as soon as possible.



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4. Iran: 30 newspapers and 25 periodicals (government publications) are reported of intelligence value. Department of State needs wider coverage of all publications in all categories of information. Army, Navy and Air receive adequate military information from our military mission but are interested in provincial coverage for Biographical information.

5. Afghanistan: Department of State desires factual information in all categories if available in publications and suggests that sample publications be procured to determine the capacity of such documents to provide such information. Army is fairly well covered for military information. Navy has little interest in the area. Air would like all possible information on Air facilities.

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6. India-Pakistan: There are over 20,000 publications for all native languages. However, it was felt that Economic information is adequately covered in English language publications at this time. Biographical, Political, Sociological and Military information is needed for certain districts. Due to the language difficulties imposed by the many dialects, and the great scarcity of accomplished linguists, India and Pakistan were reserved as a special problem for future consideration and study.

7. Syria-Saudi Arabia-Transjordan: The IAS Agencies feel that present field coverage is adequate for their needs at this time excepting for Department of Air which needs all available information on air facilities.

8. Lebanon-Iraq-Egypt: There is need for increased exploitation of the publications of these areas for information in all categories over and above that provided in the press summaries from the respective Embassies and Legation.



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10. Africa: Departments of State, Army and Navy feel that their intelligence needs are being met at this time. Department of Air needs all possible Air facilities information from foreign language documents.

11. The meeting adjourned at 1600.

12. The next meeting will be held at 1340 L Street, NW, at 1400, 20 June 1949. The agenda:

1. Old business.
2. Western Europe and Scandinavia.

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
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1466, 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, 6 June 1949

Presents: Mr. J. J. Dagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Eiling, Department of Navy  
Mr. R. P. McHair, Alternate, Department of Army

Consultants from FDB:

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Consultant from Department of Army: Mr. Jerome Rubin

Observer from OGB:

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1. Soviet Book Abstracts

Due to technical difficulties making the previously considered format impracticable, the Committee was requested to consider the feeling of their respective agencies toward receiving abstracts of Soviet books on regular OGB Report forms. This method will assure greater speed in reporting and allow for more information on the books than could be included in the card format.

2. China

The FDB study of Chinese publications of intelligence value indicates that 104 newspapers and 48 periodicals are currently within that category. FDB is now receiving regularly 8 newspapers and 12 periodicals.

has been exploiting the Chinese press for biographical information. Continuance of this activity is uncertain. This field exploitation of Chinese press however is not adequate for the IAC Agencies. No Washington exploitation other than that being performed by FDB is currently being done. There is a great need for broader coverage, especially on the provincial press in order to furnish the Department of State with Political, Economic, Sociological and Biographic information, and the military establishment with Military, Naval, Air and Biographic information over and above that presently being provided by Attaches and other field services.

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3. Korea

NSA/FIB is presently exploiting the South Korean press. Continuance of this activity is in doubt. FDB is the only agency



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exploiting North Korean publications. North Korean information is greatly needed by all agencies. Emphasis should be placed on the exploitation of North Korean publications for all categories of information, and South Korean publications should be exploited for Biographic and Military information over and above that presently being reported.

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#### 5. French Indochina

Spot information is reported from the field, believed to be extracted only from the French press. This service is not adequate for the IAC Agencies and there is a need for exploitation of both the French and Vernacular publications for Economic, Military, Air and Naval information, and of the Vernacular publications for Political and Sociological information.

#### 6. Siam

Some exploitation of Siamese newspapers is now being done in the field but it is not adequate for the IAC Agencies. There is a need for exploitation of the publications of Siam, especially the periodicals for Military, Air, Naval, Economic and Biographic information over and above that now being reported.

#### 7. Burma

Present coverage of the Burmese Press by the Embassy is adequate. However, there is a need for coverage of other local papers and periodicals.

#### 8. Indonesia

SE newspapers and 31 periodicals of intelligence value have been noted. Of these FDB is now receiving regularly 6 newspapers and 6 periodicals. There is practically no exploitation in this field other than that done by FDB. There is great need for broader coverage of this important area in all categories of information.

#### 9. Malaya

There is no exploitation of the publications of this area by any US agency. Department of State would like exploitation of

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Malay publications for Economic, Political, Sociological and Geographic information. Army and Navy representatives expressed no need for exploitation of publications of Malaya.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1815.

11. The next meeting will be held at 1540 L Street, NW, Washington at 1815, 13 June 1949.

The agenda:

1. Unfinished business.
2. The Near East and Africa including Greece and India.

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**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
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**14/4/49, 1540 L Street, NW, Washington, 23 May 1949**

**Present: Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy  
Lt. Col. W. C. Bonawitz, Department of Air**

**Consultants from FDB:**



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**Observer from OSD:**



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1. A sample copy of a format for the publication of "Book Abstracts" was presented to the Committee. This format was acceptable to the Committee by unanimous vote and it was decided that FDB should commence this publication as soon as possible covering selected Soviet books as a common service for the IAC.

**2. Yugoslavia**

The conclusions of the Committee are:

a. Publications of intelligence value are readily available at this time in Yugoslavia.

b. There is some exploitation in Belgrade, mainly for spot political information.

c. There is no exploitation in Washington other than that now being performed by FDB.

d. There is need for such exploitation and FDB should perform this common service for the IAC.

e. Wider coverage of source material is necessary and an active procurement program should be implemented to ensure receipt of newspapers, periodicals and books of intelligence value for such exploitation.

The inter-agency procurement agreement has never functioned and Mr. Nordbeck suggested that it be cancelled in favor of one of the following procedures:

a. That the Embassy officer, responsible for coordination of publication purchases, be instructed to

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secure duplicate subscriptions to all items selected by the service representatives and those additional titles potentially containing information satisfying the requirements of the IAC.

b. That the respective service attaches purchase two copies of each item of interest to them, one copy to be forwarded to FDB through State Department channels.

It was decided that procurement procedures will require further study in regard to available funds and priorities of selection of titles within fiscal limits. This matter will be concluded later.

### 3. Poland and Czechoslovakia

a. Publication of intelligence value are easily available in Poland and Czechoslovakia at this time.

b. Press summaries are prepared in Warsaw and Prague. The coverage is not adequate for IAC in either case.

c. There is no exploitation in Washington other than the service now being performed by FDB. FDB should continue this common service and expand it to meet the requirements of the IAC.

### 4. Hungary

a. There is a press summary distributed by the Embassy. Further coverage is necessary to the IAC.

b. There is no exploitation in Washington other than that being performed by FDB. FDB should continue and expand this common service for the IAC.

### 5. Finland

a. There are two press services at the Embassy in Helsinki. Further exploitation is needed by the IAC.

b. Further conclusions of the Committee are the same as for Poland and Czechoslovakia.

### 6. Rumania

a. The same conclusions apply to Rumania as for Poland and Czechoslovakia except that procurement of basic documents is extremely difficult and all services should continue efforts to procure as many publications as possible for FDB exploitation. Reliance should not be placed on JARA for exploitation of Rumanian press.

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**7. Bulgaria**

- a. The same conclusions apply as for Romania.

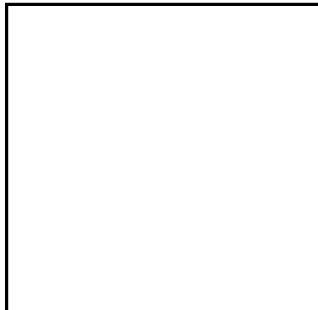
**8. Albania**

No exploitation in the field or in Washington is being performed on the press and publications of Albania. Propaganda efforts are limited but steps can be taken to increase them and FBI should prepare to exploit these documents as a covert service for IAC.

9. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 1400, 6 June 1949, at 1240 L Street, NW, Washington, D. C. The agenda:

1. Unfinished business.

2. Far Eastern countries in the following order:



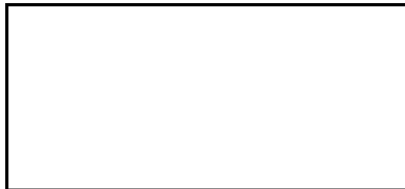
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**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
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1400, at 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, 18 May 1948

**Present:** Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Lt. Col. H. C. Benvenuti, Department of Air  
Mr. T. A. Georgievitch, Department of Army  
Mr. James P. McCusker, Department of Navy

**Consultants:**



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**Observer:**



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**1. Yugoslavia Periodicals**

The inter-service stockpile agreement on Yugoslavian publications was discussed and it was determined that:

a. The spirit of the agreement is not being operationally carried out.

b. There is no exploitation of such documents in Washington other than that being provided by FDB.

c. Some publications ordered by the agencies and specifically purchased by them cannot be made available to FDB for exploitation.

Alternative procurement methods to assure full coverage for FDB exploitation were proposed as follows:

a. That the attaches be requested to purchase two copies of each selected item (one copy for FDB).

b. The officer having the responsibility for coordination of the program, see that the Embassy enters duplicate subscriptions for all items selected by the services for their exclusive use, with each agency sharing the cost on a pro-rated basis.

Members were requested to determine the desires of their respective services on these points for the next meeting.

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## **2. Yugoslavia Newspapers**

As in all areas, spot news is extracted and reported at the Embassy. In addition, the Embassy extracts certain items of a political or international relations character. Exploitation of other items is now provided by FDB. Members will determine whether their agencies feel that this exploitation meets their needs, whether existing requirements on Yugoslavian press are adequate or whether new requirements should be drafted.

## **3. Germany - Soviet Zone**

Department of State is now covering these papers and periodicals for their own needs in political and economic information but there is no dissemination. Few titles are received. These documents are also exploited in Berlin for Voice of America.

Army and Navy rely on their joint facilities in Berlin which produce finished estimates and studies from all available basic information. Air similarly relies on that service and the collated reports of USAFE at Wiesbaden. Extent of press and periodical coverage was not known.

In view of the fact that receipts of these documents constitute but a small percentage of the published material available in Soviet Zone, all members will determine the extent of press and periodical exploitation in Germany and whether the services feel that further collection and exploitation in Washington is necessary and desirable. They will also determine whether it is desired that similar coverage be given to the German press in the Western Zones in anticipation of probable political developments which might curtail present coverage in Germany.

## **4. Austria - Soviet Zone**

Similar conditions are applicable as to Soviet Zone of Germany. Present exploitation in the field the needs of IAC Agencies for coverage will be determined by the members.

## **5. Soviet Books**

The Committee was informed that FDB can now screen the Soviet books of common interest being received by the IAC Agencies and make available to them selected abstracts of this material. The IAC Agencies will turn over to FDB Russian books received by them, for the purpose of such abstracting. It was decided that the format for such abstract reports will be studied during the week so that the reports will best serve all IAC interests.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 10~~00~~.

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7. Agenda for the next meeting, 14~~th~~, 23 May 1949, at 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, follows:

A. Reports and decisions on unfinished business.

B. Ensuing meetings will take up the remaining Satellites in the following order as quickly as possible: Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania.

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**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
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**14/4, 9 May 1949, 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, D. C.**

**Members:** Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Mr. Reuben Weiss, Department of State, Alternate  
Lt. Col. H. C. Bonawitz, Department of Air  
Lt. Cdr. I. J. Superfine, Department of Navy, Alternate  
Mr. T. S. Georgevitch, Department of Army

**Consultants:** Mr. Paul A. Bokstein, Department of Air  
Miss Frances J. Robey, "  
Mr. James F. McQuaker, Department of Navy



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**Observers:**  OGD, CIA

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1. A determination of the extent of agency reliance on civil publications, abstracting USSR periodicals, and the need for centralized exploitation was deferred due to the absence of Lt. Cdr. Illing and Mr. Fry, both of whom have had the subject under study.

2. Discussion of overall interagency needs in the exploitation of Soviet publications was deferred with the agreement that members will get the direct expression of their respective agencies so that the subject may be concluded at the next meeting.

**3. Soviet Books**

The current receipt of Soviet books in Washington was roughly estimated at 5,000 per year. Of these a generous estimate of approximately 1,000-1,500 per year should be exploited as a common service. It was mutually agreed that FDB should exploit all current Soviet books of common interest for the IAG Agencies. "Exploitation" was defined as: (a) receipt of such books procured by the IAG Agencies; (b) screening of books received by the Library of Congress; and, (c) preparation of selective abstracts on those titles of common interest for intelligence purposes.

The mechanics of format and reporting will be considered later.

4. Agenda for the next meeting to be held at 14/4, 10 May 1949, 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, D. C., follows:

1. Final consideration of exploitation of USSR periodicals.

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3. Satellite press and publications with initial emphasis on Yugoslavia and Germany.

4. The fourth meeting was adjourned at 1615, 3 May 1949.

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MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
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1444, 2 May, 1949, at 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, D. C.

Present: Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Mr. Reuben Peiss, Alternate, Department of State  
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army  
Lt. Col. N. C. Benawitz, Department of Air  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy  
Mr. Bernard M. Fry, AEC

Consultant from AEC: Dr. Alberto F. Thompson

Consultants from FDB in attendance were as follows:



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1. Sub-committee on study of duplication in National Defense Review, reported that Dr. Altman will be open to recommendations of the Committee on elimination of duplication and reallocation of that effort to a service not now being performed by another agency. A discussion of the value of National Defense Review abstracting the foreign language press in the US disclosed that Department of Army, Air and State would welcome it. The Committee, however, decided to accept the report of the sub-committee but to withhold its decision for further consideration and study of other areas than USSR, in order that Dr. Altman's linguists could be employed on projects of greatest benefit to all agencies.

2. Mr. Fry reported that he and Dr. Thompson had looked into the duplication now being made in "Brookhaven Guide". Dr. Thompson explained that this work was all done on private contract but that they would like to cooperate in any way recommended by the Committee to avoid duplication and the consequent unnecessary expenditure of Government funds. He stated, however, that any changes suggested would have to assure full coverage and full availability for use by AEC. In answer to the query, whether AEC could get full coverage without Scientific "Periodical Abstracts" now being produced by FDB, Dr. Thompson stated that AEC much preferred that FDB continue the production of those abstracts as they afforded coverage not available elsewhere.

3. Col. Benawitz reported that he had examined the program of Air Studies Division and determined the following: The Air Information Section is composed of translators and is working on a "backlog" project of material in the Library of Congress. It is covering subjects of primary interest to Department of Air and handles only material prior to August 1947. Copies of its products are furnished to CIA. The Air Research Section has no linguists and is working on

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current material of interest to the Strategic Vulnerability Group. They have on occasion asked Air Information to develop certain foreign language material for them. Actually there is no duplication in their mission.

4. The work of non-governmental units (Chemical Abstracts, Biological Abstracts, etc.) was discussed, with the consideration of the possibility of relying on them for certain scientific coverage, thus permitting FDB to devote its effort to other coverage.

Mr. Georgevitch reminded the Committee of the danger of dissolving a government effort in total reliance on a non-governmental source. In time of war when material would be highly classified and produced largely from captured documents it would be detrimental not to have a highly trained unit in being to exploit such material.

It was developed that Chemical Abstracts, while an excellent coverage, was incapable of keeping current due to lack of qualified personnel and was reporting from eight months to several years late.

5. Coordination of present agency translations. The Committee decided that while FDB was maintaining a Central Translation Index, actual notification of available agency translations would be desirable. The desirability of each agency regularly informing the other agencies of its completed translations was discussed. For a study of format, frequency of issue and reporting, etc., it was the Committee's desire that a sub-committee be appointed. Mr. Peiss was appointed and [redacted] of FDB were designated his assistants for this study. All members will determine the details of the information desired by their agencies.

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6. Agenda for the next meeting, which will be held at 1340 L Street, at 1400, 9 May 1949, is as follows:

- a. Conclusions on exploitation of USSR periodicals.
- b. Inter-agency reporting on their respective translations, not published or disseminated.
- c. USSR books.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 1615.

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**MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
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1496, 25 April 1949, at 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, D. C.

**Present:** Mr. J. J. Sagnall, Chairman  
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State  
Mr. Reuben Peiss, Department of State  
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army  
Capt. D. W. Rush, Department of Air  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy  
Mr. Bernard H. Fry, AEC

Consultants from FDB in attendance were as follows:



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**USNR Newspapers**

Cdr. Illing presented a list of newspapers received by Navy and not included in the master list. They were added to the Committee's master list. These additions are only received spasmodically and are not exploited. They will be loaned to FDB for exploitation on receipt in the future.

Mr. Nordbeck, Capt. Rush, Mr. Fry and Mr. Georgevitch reported no addition.

A discussion on the possibilities of a centralization of overseas collection of foreign publications, similar to the inter-agency agreement on Yugoslavia, resulted in a determination to study the problem for future consideration.

**USNR Periodicals**

Cdr. Illing presented the list of periodicals received by Navy in addition to those previously. These were added to the master list. As in the case of newspapers these are received spasmodically and are not exploited. They will be loaned to FDB as received for exploitation and return.

One periodical was added by Mr. Georgevitch. This is exploited by ID and copies of the extracted material will be furnished FDB.

Mr. Nordbeck and Mr. Fry had no additions for the master list.

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Capt. Rush reported the receipt of Vestnik Vozdushnogo Flota by Air. It is exploited only for matters of interest to Air Force. At the request of Mr. Nordbeck and Mr. Georgevitch it was agreed that FDB should cover the periodical for the interests of other agencies than Air.

### Duplication

A review of duplication of exploitation effort disclosed:

1. "National Defense Review" is covering some periodicals already exploited by FDB in "Periodical Abstracts" [redacted]

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The Committee was asked whether the coverage of "National Defense Review" was adequate for their needs and the answer was in the negative. It was decided that FDB coverage was adequate and a sub-committee appointed by the Chair to present the facts to Dr. Altman, looking toward a "working level" agreement which would eliminate the duplication. The sub-committee also to study the dissemination of both publications to determine whether the recipients can be served by one source. Mr. Georgevitch and Mr. Nordbeck were appointed as the sub-committee for this purpose.

2. AEC's "<sup>Brooklyn</sup>~~Brooklyn~~ Guide" appears to duplicate some of the exploitation now being covered in FDB's Periodical Abstracts. Mr. Fry will investigate this and report at the next meeting when the Committee will determine what should be done further to eliminate the duplication.

3. "Air Studies Division." The original mission of this unit was to cover available material in the Library of Congress of interest to Air Force and published prior to 1948. Mr. Nordbeck stated that Department of State had been approached with a view toward furnishing them newspapers and periodicals of 1948-49. Some of their finished material has been from 1948 material. Capt. Rush will investigate this situation and report at the next meeting for Committee consideration.

The Committee decided that in all cases of duplication it must determine which can be used best for full coverage needed by IAC Agencies and recommend discontinuance of the lesser service so energies might be expended for more pertinent results.

With the decision that the next meeting shall be held at 1840 L Street, NW, at 1400, 2 May 1949, the meeting adjourned at 1600.

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION  
OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

**1446, Monday, 18 April 1949, at 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, D. C.**

**Present: Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman**  
**Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State**  
**Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army**  
**Lt. Cdr. W. A. Tilling, Department of Navy**  
**Lt. Col. N. C. Bonawits, Department of Air**  
**Mr. Bernard M. Fry, AEC**

**Consultants from FDS in attendance were as follows:**



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**1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman with a review of the completed findings of the ad hoc translation committee and the appointment of the Committee on Exploitation.**

**2. The mission of this committee was defined as follows:**

**To investigate:**

**a. the scope of present collection and exploitation of foreign documents for intelligence information, in the field and in Washington;**

**b. the present dissemination of such derived information.**

**To determine:**

**What adjustments in methods, techniques and processes of existing facilities may be instituted in order to increase the flow of source material and adjust the exploitation of such material to meet most efficiently the needs of the IAC for foreign information.**

**To recommend:**

**Any augmentation or changes of existing facilities which are determined by the Committee as necessary to provide the maximum coverage of foreign language material needed by the intelligence agencies.**

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### 3. USSR Newspapers

a. The Committee reviewed all 52 Soviet newspapers currently being received in the US. All members were asked to determine any additional papers known to be received by any source so that a complete master list could be made at the next meeting and maintained by the Committee. Attention was drawn to the fact that 52 newspapers did not afford good coverage of USSR and members were urged to try to increase this number through their services.

Mr. Nordbeck reminded all members that the classification of "Secret" on the list of newspapers should be rigidly observed in order to insure their continued receipt.

b. All known exploitation of Soviet press, other than FDB, was reviewed as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Dissemination</u>
(1) JPMS	Primarily political and sociological Moscow press.	General
(2) Current Press Translations,	Moscow press for matters of academic interest.	Subscription
(3) Current Digest of Soviet Press Academic coverage. American Council of Learned Societies.	Mainly Moscow papers.	Subscription
(4)		
(5) ID-14	Krasnaya Zvezda for military only.	TAC

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Members were asked "To what degree does this exploitation meet the needs of each of your agencies?"

Mr. Georgevitch: ID is satisfied with the provincial coverage now being made by FDB, but a more thorough coverage of Moscow press is desired and needed particularly for economic and military information. We would like to see FDB supply this coverage.

Comdr. Illing: Concurred with Mr. Georgevitch.

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Mr. Nordback: Present exploitation of Moscow papers is inadequate except for political and sociological information. He would like to see FDB exploit them for economic information.

Col. Bonowitz: Concurred with Mr. Georgevitch.

It was then unanimously agreed that FDB extend its exploitation of Soviet press to include economic and military information from Moscow papers.

4. The Committee then reviewed the list of known Soviet periodicals received in the US and members were asked to determine whether any additional ones were known. The master list will be brought up to date at the next meeting.

5. It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at 1340 L Street, NW, Washington, D. C. on Monday, 25 April 1949, at 1400. The agenda will include a review of the present exploitation of Soviet periodicals and a determination of whether this is adequate for IAG Agencies. It will further include the subject of exploitation of Soviet books and other publications.

6. The first meeting was adjourned at 1600.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. T. M. Nordbeck, Department of State Member  
Mr. T. A. Georgevich, Department of Army Member  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Eiling, Department of Navy Member  
Lt. Col. H. C. Beaumont, Department of Air Member  
Mr. B. M. Fry, AEC Member  
Ad Hoc Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Documents

SUBJECT: Agenda for First Meeting

1. First meeting will be held at 1400 hours Monday, 18 April 1948, on 6th Floor, 1340 "L" Street, NW.

2. It is proposed that Committee consideration of the exploitation of foreign documents will include the following problems:

a. Collection: By the agencies in the field and from other sources.

b. Exploitation: In the field and in Washington.

c. Dissemination: In the field and in Washington.

3. The agenda of the first meeting will include coverage of these problems as they affect:

a. Russian newspapers

b. Russian periodicals

J. J. BACHALL,  
Chairman.

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### Exploitation of Foreign Publications

Pursuant to Section 102, paragraph d (4) of the National Security Act of 1947, the National Security Council authorizes and directs that:

1. The Director of Central Intelligence shall coordinate and conduct such exploitation of foreign language publications for the collection of foreign intelligence as he deems necessary to meet the needs of the intelligence agencies. In conducting such exploitation, he shall in consultation with the intelligence agencies establish priorities as required.

2. The Director of Central Intelligence shall coordinate the acquisition of foreign language publications for intelligence exploitation purposes through existing collection facilities. Foreign publications procured for the intelligence components of the Departments of State, Army, Navy and Air Force will be made available to the Director of Central Intelligence for exploitation.

3. Definitions. For the purposes of this directive the following definitions apply:

a. "Foreign language publications" or "foreign publications" include all printed material in the form of newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets, or monographs, published in a language other than English both outside and within the Continental Limits of the United States.

b. "Exploitation" includes abstracts, extracts, or translations as the case may be.

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Assistant Director for Operations

1 August 1949

Acting Chief, FDB

Findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Document Exploitation

1. Pursuant to memorandum from DCI to the Standing Committee of the IAC, dated 16 March 1949, subject "Central Translation of Intelligence Material", the Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Document Exploitation was established by agreement of the IAC at the final meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Translations on 11 April 1949.

2. The Exploitation Committee has met weekly since that date and at the last meeting on 25 July 1949 the Committee approved the attached findings as its final report, submitted herewith in three copies.

3. Please find attached also a redraft of the proposed NSC directive in accordance with your verbal direction.

4. It is requested that concurrences of the appropriate offices be obtained prior to forwarding to ICAPB.

J. J. BAGWELL

Encl: 3 copies--"Findings of the Ad Hoc  
Committee on Foreign  
Document Exploitation.  
Redraft of proposed NSC directive.

Chief, ICAPS

27 July 1949

Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Document Exploitation

Findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Document Exploitation

1. Subject committee was established 11 April 1949 and has met weekly since that date.
2. At the last meeting on 25 July 1949, the final report containing the findings and recommendations of the committee was unanimously concurred in by the IAC representatives on the committee.
3. Submitted herewith are four copies of the findings and recommendations of the committee for your consideration and presentation to the Standing Committee of the IAC.

J. J. BACHMILL

Encl: 4 copies—Findings of the Ad Hoc  
Committee on Foreign Documents  
Exploitation.

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FINDINGS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN  
DOCUMENT EXPLOITATION

1. Definitions

For purposes of this paper the following definitions apply:

a. "Foreign language publications" or "foreign publications" include all printed matter in the form of newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets and monographs published in a language other than English.

b. "Exploitation" includes abstracts, extracts, complete translations, bibliographies and listings depending upon which method best serves the intelligence purpose.

c. "Committee" will generally refer to the Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Document Exploitation unless otherwise specified.

2. The Problem

It has been recognized for some time that foreign publications constitute one of the more important and productive sources of intelligence at the disposal of the U.S. Government. Furthermore, stringent security measures prevalent in some areas of the world, notably the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and her Satellite countries, both in Europe and the Far East, have increased the importance of document exploitation as a method of obtaining intelligence information vital to national security. In view of the complexity of foreign document exploitation it was deemed necessary to consider the facilities available to the IAC for this purpose, determine what deficiencies, if any, exist in the present system and make recommendations, if necessary, to improve the exploitation activities.

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### 3. Discussion

The successful exploitation of foreign language publications consists of two separate but closely related operations - (1) procurement of publications and (2) exploitation.

a. Procurement. Due to the fact that a large number of foreign publications contain intelligence information of prime interest to more than one Department or Agency and because of the necessity for maximum economy, the principles outlined in National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 2 are not entirely applicable to the procurement of foreign publications. In order to cope with the difficulties of procurement, the Committee agreed that further study of the problem should be conducted in order to draw up a world wide listing of available publications needed for centralized exploitation (see b. Exploitation below). At the same time it was recognized that certain publications containing information vital to the national security are being withheld by certain foreign Governments from reaching the United States through normal channels. In view of this fact the Committee has unanimously decided that in the course of further studying the problem of procurement, a limited list of "vital publications" should be drawn up and presented to the IAC for transmittal to the Director of Central Intelligence in accordance with paragraph 3 of National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 5.

b. Exploitation. A survey of existing exploitation facilities available to the IAC revealed that there exist certain deficiencies in

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the present service. Furthermore, it was determined that these deficiencies are particularly acute insofar as exploitation of publications printed in the U.S.S.R. and countries within the Soviet orbit. Deficiencies, although not so acute, were found to exist in regard to certain other areas as well. In the hope of remedying these deficiencies, it was agreed to by the Committee that the Central Intelligence Agency should assume the responsibility of coordinating all activities in the field of foreign document exploitation. After taking into account what limited exploitation is currently conducted by Departmental intelligence agencies, CIA should augment this effort by exploiting such publications as are considered of common interest to the IAC member agencies. In addition, CIA should make provisions for exploitation of certain categories of foreign publications of special interest upon request when such exploitation cannot be satisfactorily performed by the Department or Agency concerned. In order to perform this task, CIA should maintain continuous contact with the Departments and Agencies concerned through a permanent Foreign Document Exploitation Committee of the IAC in order to determine what exploitation is being conducted, to survey the foreign language material available and to establish the priorities for exploitation by subject matter and area so as to best serve the IAC member agencies.

#### 4. Recommendations

In accordance with the findings of the Committee discussed briefly above in paragraph 3, the following recommendations are submitted for the consideration by the Intelligence Advisory Committee:

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a. The Central Intelligence Agency should assume responsibility for over-all coordination of exploitation of foreign language documents and to perform such exploitation centrally as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the IAC agencies.

b. A permanent Foreign Document Exploitation Committee should be established in order to draw up lists of publications required for centralized exploitation; to determine the priorities for exploitation of publications by subject matter and area; and in order to generally assist the Director of Central Intelligence in the exploitation program.

c. Each IAC member agency may retain, at its discretion, a translation and/or abstracting unit for the purpose of translation and/or abstracting special interest material. The Director of Central Intelligence would be informed of such exploitation in order to prevent duplication of effort, and the results of this work would be made available to CIA upon request.

d. A National Security Council Directive or such other instructions as may be considered appropriate should be formulated embodying the recommendations outlined above. A draft of a National Security Council Directive is attached herewith.

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